

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

TROY RANDELL EDMON,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF TEXAS, ET AL.,

Defendants.

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No. 3:14-cv-2350-K-BN

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

This case has been referred to the undersigned United States magistrate judge for initial screening pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and a standing order of reference. The undersigned issues the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation.

**Background**

This is a civil rights action brought by Troy Randell Edmon, an inmate confined in the Terrell State Hospital, appearing *pro se*, against the State of Texas and Terrell State Hospital. *See* Dkt. No. 3. Plaintiff entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of indecency with a child. *State v. Edmon*, No. F98-00733-P (203rd District Court, Dallas County, Texas 1998). He was tried before a jury, found guilty, and sentenced to twenty years' confinement. *See id.* His conviction was affirmed on direct appeal. *See Edmon v. State*, No. 05-98-02154-CR, 2014 WL 1613017 (Tex. App. – Dallas 2001). Plaintiff alleges that the use of psychiatric medications is contrary to his religious beliefs. *See*

Dkt. No. 3 at 5. He asks the Court to enjoin his custodian from administering the psychiatric medications. *See id.* at 4.

Plaintiff has filed a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. *See* Dkt. No. 4. The undersigned now concludes that Plaintiff should not be allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis* because, while incarcerated, he has filed at least three prior civil actions or appeals that were dismissed as frivolous and he is not “under imminent danger of serious physical injury.” Therefore, this action should be dismissed as barred by the three-strikes provision of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

### **Legal Standards**

A prisoner may not proceed *in forma pauperis* if, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, he has filed three or more civil actions or appeals in federal court that were dismissed as frivolous or malicious or for failure to state a claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). The only exception to the “three strikes” bar is when the prisoner is “under imminent danger of serious physical injury.” *Id.* In order to meet the “imminent danger” requirement of section 1915(g), “the ‘threat or prison condition [must be] real and proximate.’” *Valdez v. Bush*, No. 3:08-cv-1481-N, 2008 WL 4710808, at \*1 (N.D. Tex. Oct. 24, 2008) (quoting *Ciarpaglini v. Saini*, 352 F.3d 328, 330 (7th Cir. 2003)). “Allegations of past harm do not suffice – the harm must be imminent or occurring at the time the complaint is filed.” *Id.* “Moreover, the prisoner must allege specific facts showing that he is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.” *Id.* “General allegations that are not grounded in specific facts which indicate that serious physical

injury is imminent are not sufficient to invoke the exception to § 1915(g).” *Id.* (quoting *Niebla v. Walton Corr. Inst.*, No. 3:06-cv-275-LAC-EMT, 2006 WL 2051307, at \*2 (N.D. Fla. July 20, 2006)).

### **Analysis**

Plaintiff has filed at least three civil actions or appeals while incarcerated that were dismissed as frivolous. *See Edmon v. Chaney*, No. 6:02-cv-113 (S.D. Tex. July 23, 2004) (dismissing complaint as frivolous); *Edmon v. McDaniel*, No. 3:97-cv-3098 (N.D. Tex. Jan. 13, 1998) (dismissing complaint as frivolous); *Edmon v. Chaney*, No. 04-41065 (5th Cir. Jan. 5, 2006) (dismissing appeal as frivolous). He has made no showing that he is under imminent danger of serious physical injury. Accordingly, Plaintiff should be barred from proceeding *in forma pauperis* under Section 1915(g). *See Adepegba v. Hammons*, 103 F.3d 383, 388 (5th Cir. 1996).

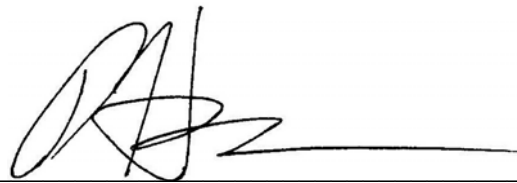
### **Recommendation**

Plaintiff's civil rights action should be dismissed as barred by the three strikes provision of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). This dismissal should be without prejudice to Plaintiff's right to reopen the case if he pays the \$350.00 filing fee and the \$50.00 administrative fee within 30 days of dismissal.

A copy of these findings, conclusions, and recommendation shall be served on all parties in the manner provided by law. Any party who objects to any part of this report and recommendation must file specific written objections within 14 days after being served with a copy. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). In order to be

specific, an objection must identify the specific finding or recommendation to which objection is made, state the basis for the objection, and specify the place in the magistrate judge's findings, conclusions, and recommendation where the disputed determination is found. An objection that merely incorporates by reference or refers to the briefing before the magistrate judge is not specific. Failure to file specific written objections will bar the aggrieved party from appealing the factual findings and legal conclusions of the magistrate judge that are accepted or adopted by the district court, except upon grounds of plain error. *See Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1417 (5th Cir. 1996).

DATED: July 10, 2014

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DAVID L. HORAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE